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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) Besides individual applications for remission of land revenue the Kisans of Kottayam taluk led by Sri C. H. Kanaran, M.L.A., Tellicherry, submitted a memorandum to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tellicherry, containing suggestions for relief due to floods, one of which was for exemption from payment of rent and remission. Another representation was also received from Sri K. P. Gopalan, M.L.A., requesting remission of rent and land revenue to the agriculturists of Ramanathali and other villages of Chirakkal taluk.

" (*b*) No action was taken by the revenue authorities with regard to exemption from payment of rent as it was a matter to be decided between the jenmis and the tenants. As regards the request for remission of land revenue the revenue authorities have been instructed to grant remission in deserving cases."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP:—" Under the existing rules governing the grant of remission, one subdivision is taken as a whole. One subdivision may be in the possession of different tenants. If a subdivision contains ten acres and there is failure of crop on only one or two acres, no remission is allowable, because the entire subdivision is not affected. Will the Government please consider this matter and issue necessary instructions?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" If it is a matter for executive instruction, I will consider. If it is a matter to be dealt with by a Bill, the hon. Member will have an opportunity soon."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM:—" ரெமிஷன் கொடுக்கப்பட்ட போதிலும் 10 a.m.
அந்த ரெமிஷன் ஜன்மிகளுக்கு பிரயோஜனப்படுகிறதே தவிர விவசாயிகளுக்கு பயன்படுவது இல்லை. அதற்காக கனம் மந்திரியார் அவர்கள் ஏதாவது உடனடியாக நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" I do not know when the hon. Member became posted with the peculiar nature of the Malabar tenure. I am myself unable to follow it fully and I am not able to understand the hon. Member also."

Remission of land revenue in Malabar.

* 357 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to sanction rent remission to those persons who have sustained damages to their crops due to floods in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, in what parts of Kurumbranad taluk in North Malabar such remissions of rent will be given?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (a) & (b) The Collector of Malabar is taking action to grant remission of land revenue in deserving cases in accordance with the provisions in the Board's Standing Orders. In all cases where land revenue has been remitted, the landlord is bound to remit the whole or proportionate rent due to him from the tenant."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Opening of fire on mobs.

16 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of times fire was opened on mobs and demonstrations from 3rd May 1952 up to 1st August 1953, throughout the State;

(*b*) the total number of lathi charges during the abovesaid period; and

(*c*) the total number of rounds of fire opened during the abovesaid period?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) During the period in question fire had to be opened on 8 (eight) occasions. The total number of rounds fired on these eight occasions all told was 54 (fifty-four). The number of occasions on which lathi charge had to be resorted to during the period was 11 (eleven). The figures furnished relate to the present State of Madras.

Statistics about rickshaws in the City.

17 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many rickshaws are permitted by the Police Department for hire purposes in the City of Madras;

(*b*) how many rickshaws are holding licences given by the Corporation of Madras;

(*c*) whether licences are issued to the cycle rickshaws in the City;

(*d*) how many cycle rickshaws are constructed in the City and how many of them applied for police licences; and

(*e*) how many auto-rickshaws are running in the City and whether all of them are working satisfactorily?

A.—(*a*) The number of hand-pulled rickshaws permitted for hire is 3,750.

(*b*) The Corporation of Madras has issued licences to 5,627 rickshaws, which number includes both private owned vehicles and vehicles licensed under the Hackney Carriage Act.